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PROCLAMATION
THEODORE ROOSEVELT MONTH
OCTOBER 2008
THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAY
OCTOBER 27, 2008

WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt, who was born in New York City on October 27, 1858, was an enthusiastic resident of the Dakota Territory for significant periods between September 1883 and December 1887, and held ranching interests in the North Dakota Badlands from 1883-1898; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt carried his reputation for independence and integrity to the national level in his service as U.S. Civil Service Commissioner; Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Colonel of the U.S. Army volunteer regiment, "the Rough Riders," during the Spanish-American War, for which he received the Medal of Honor for his wartime service; Vice-President of the United States; and the 26th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt worked strenuously toward the betterment of the nation and the welfare of all its citizens through his "Square Deal" policies, establishing numerous reforms that continue to benefit Americans; and

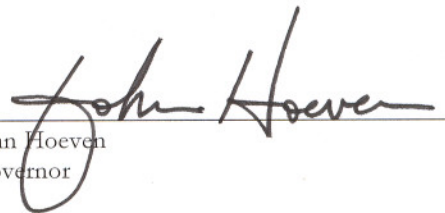
WHEREAS, Roosevelt demonstrated America's growing global significance, issuing the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine, promoting construction of the Panama Canal and becoming active in international diplomacy, becoming the first American to receive the Nobel Peace Prize after negotiating an end to the Russo-Japanese War in 1905; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt was a leading advocate for the cause of conservation, creating the U.S. Forest Service, signing the Antiquities Act, extending federal protection over almost 230 million acres, and establishing a national conservation ethic; and

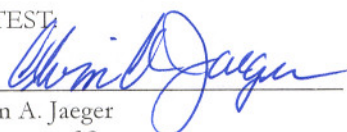
WHEREAS, Roosevelt's time spent ranching and hunting in North Dakota was instrumental to his recovery from the deaths of his wife and mother, and in the formulation of his ideas on conservation, and he often stated that, "I would not have been president had it not been for my experience in North Dakota"; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt National Park honors the legacy of our nation's 26th President and preserves a portion of the North Dakota Badlands where he ranched and hunted, recognizing him for his many accomplishments as politician, statesman, reformer, ranchman, soldier, author, historian, naturalist and explorer.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2008, **THEODORE ROOSEVELT MONTH**, and October 27, 2008, **THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAY** in the state of North Dakota in honor of the 150th anniversary of his birth.


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